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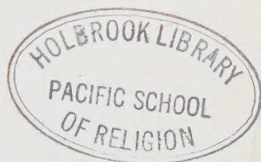
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## God's Business Is Our Business!

NATHANIEL RIDGWAY WHITE

A first law of business is, in Bible words, "Be fruitful, and multiply."<sup>1</sup> Not accrual. Not depletion. Multiply!

The Bible is the businessperson's handbook of productivity. It is the agribusinessperson's almanac, the investment banker's law, the stockbroker's guide, the contractor's computer. It provides the corporate executive proven assurance.

Why? It is ages-tested, experience-proved. It is a basic guide to the divine Principle of our lives.

The Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy, tells us, "Principle and its idea is one, and this one is God, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent Being, and His reflection is man and the universe."<sup>2</sup>

Understood in the light of this spiritual fact, our business is God's business. And God's business is our business. We cannot sidetrack this basic metaphysical point. Anything we do, any direction we



take, should be part of our being about God's business. Since our true business is God's business, it is productive and satisfying. It is also the best business. It is unlimited business. It cannot slow down.

The Bible urges us: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."<sup>3</sup> The spiritual base of our business, consistently acknowledged as God's business, brings out the qualities of effectiveness and usefulness in our human businesses.

Joseph exemplified this. The Bible's great executives sound like a modern business *Who's Who*. Hiram, king of Tyre, David, Solomon, Nehemiah, Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Aaron. Countless others. Their experiences have been set down in the Bible for our instruction and guidance.

A major modern business research group devoted more than a year to consideration of basic income, taxation, and growth policies. It reached carefully developed conclusions. Without advance notification a small clique within the group proposed a radical reversal on the final day of meeting. Stunned by the powerful upsurge of this pressure group, the parent policy board accepted the proposals.

A Christian Scientist saw this unjust action taking place, recognized the emergency. He recalled Christ Jesus' assurance, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."<sup>4</sup> So he knew that at this important meeting the Christ, God's own witness, was present. No countervailing power can prevail in the presence of the divine witness. He prayerfully recognized that the spiritual fact of unfailing divine activity could not be deprived of whatever was its right manifestation on the human scene.

Almost at once the chairman of the board of a great corporation, who had kept silent during the important policy deliberations, quietly asked to be heard. He spoke nineteen words of Christ Jesus—"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God"<sup>5</sup>—no more, then took his seat.

There was a moment of silence as the import of his statement sank in. There was a call for a new vote. Complete reversal of the pressure group's proposals followed. Decisions—since proved successful—affecting the free world had been taken.

Christian Science shows that the Bible's law "Be fruitful, and

multiply" is practical in today's world. Accepting this law of spiritual growth, we need never accept stagnation in our business, our investments, or our lives. Here is Mrs. Eddy's supreme challenge to stagnation: "The universe of Spirit reflects the creative power of the divine Principle, or Life, which reproduces the multitudinous forms of Mind and governs the multiplication of the compound idea man." And further down on the same page Mrs. Eddy writes, "Creation is ever appearing, and must ever continue to appear from the nature of its inexhaustible source."<sup>6</sup>

Mrs. Eddy's business and investment acumen finds proof in the Christian Science movement. In today's world women are taking major roles in development of business policy and in administration of governmental and business enterprises. Like the Bible's stout-hearted women—many whose names are not recorded—she was deeply grounded in conviction of God's power, love, presence, guidance, and protection. She formed her movement on the eternal laws revealed to her as she studied the Bible. Her lifework resembles that of the woman described so beautifully in Proverbs—a business-woman: "She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard."<sup>7</sup>

Or of that woman of Elisha's day. Her economic supply was completely depleted. Yet with deep faith, under Elisha's spiritual encouragement, she held on to the individual concept of God's abundance, until she discovered she could not contain or limit God's abundance in her daily living.<sup>8</sup>

Investment guidance established in the Bible indicates requirements for careful research, planning, and organizational skill under God's direction. The woman in Proverbs *considered* a field, then bought it. Matthew sets out investment guidelines; in the parable of the talents Christ Jesus condemns stagnation, lethargy, inactivity, insists on activity, productivity, growth. God's business demands growth, activity, fruitage, both spiritually and humanly.

Income, spiritually understood, is the recognition and proof of God's, of divine Mind's, action in our lives. Christian Science would have us accept Christ Jesus' teachings as basic resources. It would have us recognize God as the divine, living Principle of all being. It would have us accept the divine Mind as the source of all Science, as all presence, all power, all action, without lapse



or relapse. In divine Mind we find all initiative, therefore all conclusion, every answer, eternal spiritual ideas and their eternally ever-new combinations.

The Bible makes clear the importance of spiritual ideas from divine Mind, God; and these will assure to us a steady flow of right human ideas. A Christian Scientist friend of mine used to carry around a ragged cloth shoestring in a little box. He would tell you that he and his partner literally started their partnership on "a shoestring." Their shoestring became one of the world's best-known, most profitable enterprises through their acceptance and dynamic utilization of progressive steps inspired by the one infinite divine Mind.

Ideas multiply! Their combinations multiply! To spiritual creation there is no limit! And to God's business no limit. Why, then, to ours?

With the Bible—well-studied—in hand, and Christian Science as our spiritual discipline and educator, we begin at the numeration table of God—"Be fruitful, and multiply"! There is no better base for any business enterprise or achievement.

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 1:22; <sup>2</sup> *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, pp. 465-466; <sup>3</sup> Prov. 3:5, 6; <sup>4</sup> Matt. 18:20; <sup>5</sup> Luke 9:62; <sup>6</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 507; <sup>7</sup> Prov. 31:16; <sup>8</sup> See II Kings 4:1-6.

## ALTITUDE

May this thought of mine  
not be a roller coaster  
or a Ferris-wheel ride  
with its ups and downs.  
Let it ride high  
above the myriad fantasies  
of a carnival of masquerades.  
Let it be high enough  
to reach the level of true reality—  
the altitude of genuine Love.

ANNE VALMA HOLWAY

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# The Success of Honesty

RICHARD A. NENNEMAN

What is your reaction on hearing a large corporation has paid a bribe to get a profitable piece of business? Are you grateful you are not tempted to do such things? If one is truly innocent of whatever impulses lead to dishonest or unethical acts, that is fine. But one might also apply to himself Christ Jesus' parable of the publican and the Pharisee. Jesus rebuked the self-righteous prayer of the Pharisee: "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican."<sup>1</sup>

The gap between ourselves and the person who lies, cheats, or steals his way through life may appear comfortably large. But anyone trying to follow in the steps of the master Christian cannot feel comfortable in the knowledge, or acceptance into his own thought, of any degree of error. Each one of us has the individual responsibility to make his own way to the kingdom of heaven, to demonstrate in his own life that man already is the sinless child of God. But from the parables of Jesus and the letters of Paul, we also get some sense of our duty to live so as to help others trying to find the way. Paul wrote: "Let us not . . . judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. . . . Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."<sup>2</sup>

What has this to do with the giving or taking of a bribe? The connection is that the mental environment in which each human being makes his decisions includes the thoughts of every one of us. And it is the responsibility of every one of us to contribute to the improvement of that mental atmosphere. In a country whose laws are responsive to the citizens' will, the moral standard set by the people is reflected directly in its legislation. But even in the absence of legislation the individual can largely influence the tone



of his society by what he consciously assents to in his environment.

The standards of business behavior are on the whole fairly high ones today. Mutual trust and agreed-upon rules of conduct make it easier to conduct efficiently the volume of business any modern nation must transact. In particular, people have learned through experience that lasting business relationships can be built only on a standard of integrity. In other words, the closer one comes to an absolute standard in his business affairs, as in every other aspect of his living, the more harmony and progress he can expect to achieve.

What are the forces, then, that would make one even temporarily turn aside from the path of integrity in business? At least two come to thought immediately: greed and reaction to the pressures of time. If one can live so that greed has not the slightest foothold in his own thought or motives, if he can live so that the pressures of time do not tempt him to take a shortcut he will later regret, he has, first, set an example for himself that these mental traits are powerless to attract or affect him. Second, he has added positively to the sum total of human thought, or mental atmosphere, in which others make their decisions. That environment can immeasurably support decisions of integrity in business.

Toward the turn of the century, Mrs. Eddy expressed her views on the period to come. She looked at the twentieth century realistically, not with the soft optimism too typical of the time. Yet her statement also identifies for us those elements in human thought that can guide mankind safely through this and succeeding centuries: "I reluctantly foresee great danger threatening our nation,—imperialism, monopoly, and a lax system of religion. But the spirit of humanity, ethics, and Christianity sown broadcast—all concomitants of Christian Science—is taking strong hold of the public thought throughout our beloved country and in foreign lands, and is tending to counteract the trend of mad ambition."<sup>3</sup>

Greed, certainly one element of an unbridled, mad ambition, can influence one's acts only so long as he thinks of good as something limited, such as a contract to be signed or so much money in the bank at the end of the year. Christian Science gives us a strong, metaphysical base from which to counteract the source of greed. It describes the operation of the laws of God, whom it defines as divine Principle. It teaches that the substance of good consists of spiritual



ideas and qualities, all of which derive from Principle, God, and are infinite in nature. As the businessman learns that these infinite qualities are everywhere and always present and comprise the only real good he can ever have, he is no longer tempted to deviate from divine Principle to achieve any end. As he learns that the operation of God's law always supplies human needs, he will want to prove more of this law, and this law alone, in operation.

Taking shortcuts because of the pressures of time or the tensions of the job may not sound as bad as acting from outright greed. Yet the belief that good is limited, or that time is exerting pressure, may act more subtly on otherwise very ethical individuals and result in their compromising. The truth that counteracts the pressures of limited time is that man exists always at the point of limitless opportunity. Man is right now and forever the complete reflection of God. He effortlessly reflects God's infinite ideas and qualities.

Or if an entire society seems to rush about too much or live at too fast a pace, what an opening for one who knows something of God's control! He can express such qualities as serenity, poise, and order in both his business and personal affairs, and so help improve the mental atmosphere in which all live and work.

Mrs. Eddy writes of Christian Science that "it encourages and empowers the business man and secures the success of honesty."<sup>4</sup> The ultimate success of honesty in all mankind's dealings is assured, because honesty is based upon divine Principle.

In applying Christian Science to the business problems we encounter, we see through the baseless nature of motives or acts that derive from a false sense of substance. We do far more, though, than improve our own experience or even add to the sum total of human thought on the side of good. In embracing ideas that spring from Spirit, God, we acknowledge the activity of the divine order. In this spiritually ordered universe of good, good human thoughts are not being weighed against bad human thoughts, but spiritual law is supreme, without conflict or competition.

The demonstration of integrity unleashes a power, or influence, that is felt by all, and the ultimate success of honesty is assured, not only for oneself but for mankind.

<sup>1</sup> Luke 18:11; <sup>2</sup> Rom. 14:13, 19; <sup>3</sup> *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 129; <sup>4</sup> *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 252.

# The Economy Is Servant, Not Master

JAMES SCOTT ROSEBUSH

Disturbances in the human economy call for spiritual solutions. Recurring economic crises in some countries have caused an increase in the number of jobless. At the same time there is a continual and perhaps broadening spotlight on such injustices as underemployment and discriminatory practices. In the light of Christian Science we can take a penetrating look at these issues and find answers that are rewarding on both the individual and global level.

The healing of economic ills is just as important and just as possible as the healing of disease. The spiritually scientific approach to such healing involves affirming man's heritage as the spiritual reflection of God, blameless and whole. It means reversing mortal opinions about the functioning of the economy and our probable place—or lack of it—in that economy. The Bible supports us in this understanding: "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."<sup>1</sup> The need is to find out what God is and how He governs the universe and man, to draw close to Him and accept His spiritual creation as the only reality. Mrs. Eddy confirms the importance of turning first to God for the healing of every troublesome situation. She writes, "The starting-point of divine Science is that God, Spirit, is All-in-all, and that there is no other might nor Mind,—that God is Love, and therefore He is divine Principle."<sup>2</sup>

There is no interruption in the relationship between God, the divine Mind and supplier of all good, and man, His beloved idea. God is constantly imparting to man sustaining spiritual ideas and strength. God's creation is already complete. It is perfectly functioning without trouble spots, lack, dissension, economic woes, individual injustices. This is what we need to recognize. The law of



material supply and demand as well as other human economic rulings would claim power over our life, health, and happiness. But God, Life, is the source of all goodness; He is all-power and ever present. This fact, as it is accepted in thought, eliminates any contest with material theories or projections. God's law is all-inclusive and is not shared with or diluted by mortal theories.

God's goodness can never be charted, can never decline, be devalued, or inflated. The substance of divine Spirit is without material confinements; it is infinite and always available. God is the constant guide and supplier of man. As we come to understand these truths, we cannot be adversely affected or shut out from good by suggestions of economic recession, depression, or by a sense of our own lack of completeness. True substance, being Spirit, is never depleted or lost. And our identity as a child of God, Spirit, is fixed. Our understanding of the omnipotence of God's law and our rejecting of the specific suggestions of mortal mind, or false material consciousness, aid in healing mistaken beliefs about the economy and annulling their adverse effects.

For instance, mortal mind suggests that the economy is controlled by variable material laws, which determine levels of inflation and employment. But man is governed by his Father-Mother God, divine Principle. Principle's government of the universe, when recognized, eliminates the possibility of any arbitrary control or false power. Negative predictions can be replaced with the fact of divine Mind's predominance.

Job, like the rest of us, was inclined to think that material conditions governed him. The economy had worked well for him, but now he was beset not only by illness but by loss on every hand. God enlightened him by asking: "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? . . . Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof . . . ?" <sup>3</sup> Job's restoration was based upon his acknowledgment of God's absolute potency.

Christ Jesus' works were clearly accomplished on the basis of God's supremacy. Evidence of this is found in the various accounts of his healings. In the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus' under-

standing of the omnipresence of divine law outweighed the belief of limitation and lack. He exemplified the Christ, God's true idea, destroying the false beliefs of limitation, poverty, and confusion.

Another argument of human economic theories is that skills become rapidly obsolete, bringing disorientation for the individual and the family. Reports indicate that individuals can be dislodged from constructive activity, thrown from prosperity. But challenges of this nature can be seen as urging us Spiritward. Being left without funds or employment, though not pleasant, forces us to realize Spirit as the only true substance. In reality, man is fully equipped by God. God's man never becomes useless, nor does he lack intelligence or ability. He reflects the integrity, perception, and depth of Soul. The suggestions of dislocation or failure are based on a false concept of man as a mortal who has fallen from perfection. But this picture can be dropped because of its baseless, illusory nature. Listening to God for a report on what man really is results in a fuller, fresher expression of divine qualities. It confirms that we do have a purpose, are well-equipped to fulfill it, and can resist all attempts to prevent this fulfillment.

Mrs. Eddy makes clear that "the talents He gives we must improve."<sup>4</sup> Our path may appear blocked by lack of time, initiative, opportunity, self-knowledge. But pushing onward through consistent prayer and honest endeavor to serve God more willingly, we are able to wipe away limitation, to accomplish more and achieve greater fulfillment.

Social custom, sometimes supported by legal restraints, has inhibited the free expression and advancement of some because of racial, ethnic, cultural, or sexual bias. To heal such injustices, man's spiritual, incorruptible, unblemished nature needs to be recognized as the only legitimate basis for identifying anyone. In God's universe Mind has *done* the labeling, and we are all the children of God.

Christian Science confirms the Christly requirement that we love our brother. The closer we follow Jesus' injunction to love one another, the easier it will be to appreciate and value people of differing cultural backgrounds. Man, governed by Soul, cannot be pre-programmed by ethnic inheritances. Some people think they find protection and personal pride in ethnic or racial history and others



find these a liability. But all will inevitably advance to a full acceptance of man's spiritual inheritance, of the father-motherhood of God. Then they will abandon the belief that man has a material, mortal history or that such history can govern their progress.

Mortal mind would gain credibility through suggesting we can be victims of bad luck. But one who perceives the spiritual facts knows he is not subject to chance, because there is no such thing as luck or chance in God's universe. Admitting we are spiritual ideas in a totally God-governed universe disallows any belief in separation from God, good. The healing of insecurity or depression comes as we understand the basis of our being to be wholly spiritual and wholly good. Then we can begin to identify all the things there are that make us secure. These include the spiritual facts of the Christ Science: that God is All-in-all; that He is all presence and power; that His love is constant and near; that God's creation is perfect and we are eternally a part of that creation; that God places us, protects and guards our every step. Our genuine security, then, rests in what divine Science says of us and in our acceptance of these truths.

God supplies man through spiritual means. If we feel limited through lack of funds, we need to turn to spiritual sense, which enlightens us and gives us the resources with which to carry on our affairs. In every instance the human need is supplied by divine Mind. Each individual has the ability through divine intelligence to understand that God, good, is the only power—the ability through the senses of Soul to feel that God is ever present, sustaining his identity.

The work of correcting and refining our concepts of man and the economy is holy work. Constantly aligning our thought with the facts of true existence on this issue, we not only improve our own experience but help lift the thought of the world to a better understanding of God's perfect, unceasing control.

<sup>1</sup> Rom. 8:16, 17; <sup>2</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 275; <sup>3</sup> Job 38:4-6; <sup>4</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 6.

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# Handling Crises

THOMAS JOSEPH Mc CANN

It is encouraging to know there is a solution to every problem, including an apparent crisis connected with food, energy, money, or employment.

We need not panic when faced with a difficult situation. Instead we can confidently follow the advice of James, "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."<sup>1</sup> Reaching out to God humbly and prayerfully, we feel His presence. God is Love, omnipresent, omnipotent. Divine Love is all good, ever caring for man and the universe. The realization of Love's presence and strength assures us of God's protection and care no matter how menacing the situation.

Spiritual understanding helps us surmount—and even forestall—crises. Christian Science instructs us, as the Scriptures clearly imply, that God is All-in-all, wholly good; that His creation, man and the universe, is perfect like Himself; and that His creation constitutes the sole reality of existence. Hence the impossibility of an emergency in the kingdom of God, good.

Divine Science emphatically denies the supposed reality of crises, exposing them as errors of mortal belief. Science proves that in the allness of divine Love there cannot exist a crucial turning point, critical condition, or fatal happening. God's kingdom is spiritual, harmonious, perfect, and no ignorant, material thinking can change this fact. "Science reverses the false testimony of the physical senses," Mrs. Eddy asserts, "and by this reversal mortals arrive at the fundamental facts of being."<sup>2</sup>

Man dwells in God's loving presence, and this is a fundamental fact of being. In reality he can't get out of Love's presence. Then how can he get into matter with its crises or into fear and ignorance with their supposed effects of limitation and trouble? The truth is



that he can't and hasn't! Man is always at one with divine Spirit. He has never strayed from Spirit, therefore he does not have to be reunited with it.

Christ Jesus was ever conscious of the facts of being. He knew and proved God's allness and showed that evil in any form is a negative, mortal belief, not an actuality. He demonstrated that all power belongs to God and that man, as God's beloved child, reflects that power, which gives him complete dominion.

Jesus proved this when he and his disciples were caught in a storm at sea. While the disciples thought they would perish, Jesus "arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."<sup>3</sup>

The Master, through his unparalleled healing works, resolved every kind of critical situation. His constant communion with God and his recognition of God as Father enabled him to nullify the errors of mortal mind.

Any critical situation or seemingly dire circumstance stems from the belief that evil has power and presence and that a law exists contrary to the law of God, good. Included in this belief is the bogus suggestion that time, or lack of it, can thwart or nullify God's power.

It is important how we perceive a troubling situation, be it unemployment, lack, limitation, disease, or accident. If we accept it as actual instead of seeing it as a falsehood of material sense, we add to our work of eliminating it through Science.

We don't have to fight error—as if it were a reality—to heal it. Rather we need to clearly recognize that the allness of God and man's indissoluble relationship with Him make any opposition to His goodness an impossibility. Evil is not some kind of intelligence doing something. The belief that it is, is what we need to resist and overthrow.

A crisis is momentary mesmerism, a phase of illusory, mortal belief. Evil would have us believe it real and so confuse and disorient us. But the Bible says of God, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."<sup>4</sup> Trust in God fortifies and strengthens us and prevents us from being mesmerized by crises or from making incorrect decisions.

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."<sup>5</sup> As we steadily affirm the truths of Science, we will get to the point where we actually *know* the truth and clearly discern the perfect nature of God and man, untouched by any threat of evil. We will demonstrate the truth of Mrs. Eddy's declaration, "Christian Science, rightly understood, leads to eternal harmony."<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> James 4:8; <sup>2</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 120; <sup>3</sup> Luke 8:24; <sup>4</sup> Isa. 26:3; <sup>5</sup> John 8:32; <sup>6</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 338.

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The solution to business problems is here and now

# The Bible and Business

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Spiritualizing one's thoughts and acts through prayerful study of the Bible is an extremely useful discipline. Christian Scientists who are businessmen and businesswomen are finding this out. By earnestly researching God's Word in the light of Christian Science they find within the Bible's pages a treasure trove of spiritual wisdom, guidance, and strength that enables them to cope successfully with problems large and small.

Mrs. Eddy remarks, "Take away the spiritual signification of Scripture, and that compilation can do no more for mortals than can moonbeams to melt a river of ice."<sup>1</sup> The earnest student of Christian Science understands this. He sees his real business to be the day-to-day process of purifying thought, learning through a higher sense of Scripture the truth of God and of man's real spiritual selfhood as His image and likeness.

The Bible record shows Christ Jesus to be the most able man who ever lived. It was said of him, "He hath done all things well."<sup>2</sup> His whole human life was devoted to his Father's work—to real



business. He said, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."<sup>3</sup>

The Master was a profound student of the Hebrew Scriptures. He proved for himself and taught others that by obeying the tenor of the Word—by seeking first the inner kingdom of spiritual understanding—all needed things would surely follow. This is directly applicable today. Through inspired study of the Bible and obedience to what we read, we find the practical requirements of our daily affairs abundantly supplied.

*Real* business is always good. It never fluctuates because it is not dependent on economic factors. Sales volume, cost control, profit margin, play no part in it. However, this concept of business is no airy abstraction. It is intensely practical. It brings into our workaday business world the healing, problem-solving spiritual forces proved effective in so many practical ways by Jesus, his disciples, and the early Hebrew prophets. How true it is that the Bible is the Book of demonstration! The Bible characters were doers of the Word, not theoretical religionists.

The Apostle Paul exhorts the Philippian church, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."<sup>4</sup> Christian Science teaches that the "mind" spoken of here is God Himself, the divine Mind, the governing Principle of each and every one of us. As we obey this biblical injunction, and in the detail of our daily life claim the divine Mind to be our ever-present guide and counselor, we begin to individualize the abilities and capacities of this limitless divine intelligence. This greatly enhances the quality and consistency of our performance. After pointing out the coincidence of Science, rightly understood, with God's laws and government, Mrs. Eddy writes, "From this it follows that business men and cultured scholars have found that Christian Science enhances their endurance and mental powers, enlarges their perception of character, gives them acuteness and comprehensiveness and an ability to exceed their ordinary capacity."<sup>5</sup>

Because infinite divine Mind is the actual Life, substance, and intelligence of all creation, the perfect solution to every business problem is really present here and now—and if one is humble and willing enough to study the Bible in the light of Christian Science, the higher sense of God's government becomes apparent. The guid-

ance one needs will reach his waiting thought. As one tries persistently to express integrity, purity, and loving helpfulness in his business life, he unifies himself in quality with God, the source of all good. His ability to ably know and do will then increase. The Psalmist tells us of this man who loves God's law, "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."<sup>6</sup>

It is no secret that business ethics have deteriorated in some quarters. A secular society has led some to reject the existence of a higher law of good. They feel themselves free to do what they like in a universe they see as wholly soulless and mechanistic. To correct this cynicism, good business ethics need a firmer foundation than mere enlightened humanism. They require a foundation in spiritual values—a heritage of values that has come to us from the Bible, from the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount.

It is part of the mission of Christian Science to destroy ignorance and cynicism in business attitudes by actually demonstrating spiritual values to be living realities—to prove that God exists and His law of invariable good is practical.

Little by little, students of this Science are understanding the spiritual import of the Scriptures, and by humble obedience to God's law of good they are proving that through spirituality business activity is enhanced, not retarded. They are showing to the world in ever-increasing degree that integrity lived aligns their thought with omniscient, omniactive divine Mind. This brings the wisdom and acuteness that spell success. Mrs. Eddy demonstrated this with conspicuous success in founding her Church.

In the Bible, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus illustrates through the figures of bird, flower, grass, how God, divine Love, cares for and supplies His creation. The real business of life is to learn the actuality of this intelligent, ever-present Love—find it to be the source and substance of our being—and strive to express its nature in the detail of both home and business life.

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 241; <sup>2</sup> Mark 7:37; <sup>3</sup> John 18:37; <sup>4</sup> Phil. 2:5; <sup>5</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 128; <sup>6</sup> Ps. 1:3.

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# Wisdom in Planning

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Wise planning is a help to the fulfillment of both personal and organizational goals. Plans based on human will or on a mortal sense of intelligence, however, are fallible. But when we humbly seek divine guidance, our perceptiveness is enhanced, and we are better able to establish sound courses of action.

God requires integrity. When we heed His direction, moral firmness will characterize all our plans and their implementation. God is the source of all intelligence, including such strengths of character as honesty, unselfishness, justice, and wholesomeness. Cherishing these moral qualities by expressing them to the utmost of our understanding, we find a guideline for making comprehensive decisions.

In the Lord's Prayer we declare, "Thy will be done."<sup>1</sup> A clear concept of what this means is imperative to our progress. Many people burden themselves with a fatalistic viewpoint; they explain storms, disease, accidents, and various other discords, even frustrations, as being manifestations of God's will.

But Christian Science refutes these misinterpretations. It reveals that God is always merciful and completely beneficent. His all-powerfulness is all-loving. Paul urged, "Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."<sup>2</sup>

There are numerous ways we can renew our thoughts by reflecting God in our plans. For example, we can be kindly not harsh, honest instead of devious, considerate of others rather than self-centered.

Dedication to having our heavenly Father's will done does not restrict constructive human ambition. The sincere desire to be in alignment with God expands our discernment of good. Relying on



Him, we find it more natural to look past irrelevancies and to anticipate challenges with keen forethought.

Plans that are truly correct for us cannot harm our neighbor. The inexhaustibility of God's gifts means a full share available for everyone, and recognizing this removes feelings of competitive pressures.

Commitment to God promotes habits of orderly thinking. Successful plans are apt to be based on thorough research, on careful consideration of their short-run and long-term effects. Mrs. Eddy writes, "The devotion of thought to an honest achievement makes the achievement possible."<sup>3</sup>

There is a wide gap between percipient planning and detailed outlining of future events. Daydreaming may build what seems to be a completely desirable series of happenings, but when an unexpected deviation from this outline occurs, we sometimes get agitated. How much better to keep thoughts free for God's will to be evidenced through us! Frequently we discover events unfolding differently and in a way far superior to the manner in which we would have circumscribed them. Even the most elaborate plans often include flexibility to incorporate whatever becomes most helpful as a situation develops. This need not disrupt the plan's integrity.

A subtle form of outlining is overplanning. Wanting to do several tasks quickly, we may be tempted to set unreasonable deadlines. This hurried sense would imply that God countenances lack of opportunities for accomplishment.

A key ingredient of legitimate planning is the efficient use of time—neither overplanning nor underplanning it. Isn't one of the most flagrant time wasters the notion that evil is able to share God's benevolent control? Such an erroneous suggestion needs to be—and can be—dislodged by filling consciousness with the conviction of God's allness and then persistently holding to this fact. Mrs. Eddy states, "Success in life depends upon persistent effort, upon the improvement of moments more than upon any other one thing."<sup>4</sup>

Systems of planning such as policy formulations, forecasts, budgets, blueprints, pilot-model projects, training programs, and schedules have an important role in the operation of government, business, and nonprofit organizations. We also utilize variations of some of these in our personal lives. God-oriented motivation brings inspira-

tion to us for the proper steps to take in making our plans and for fitting in smoothly with meritorious ones formed by others.

During the major portion of my career I have worked in the production-planning department of a large manufacturer. Acknowledging divine intelligence as a limitless source of practical ideas has widened my outlook, prompting me to search for and to evaluate fresh approaches to problems. This led to a number of improvements in the portion of the factory's planning for which I have been responsible.

What a joy it is to know we can express God in each facet of daily living and refuse to believe we are isolated mortals. Wise planning helps us to grow toward the point where we can say in Christ Jesus' words, "The Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Matt. 6:10; <sup>2</sup> Rom. 12:2; <sup>3</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 199; <sup>4</sup> *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 230; <sup>5</sup> John 8:29.

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# Gratitude Is Powerful

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All inharmony in human experience stems from the belief that we lack something: health, love, companionship, beauty, purity, understanding, security, self-control, integrity, compassion. The list is long. But can these really be absent?

To heal inharmony, in whatever guise it claims to appear, we must destroy this belief of lack, of not having all we need. And a good way to open thought to accept a healing conclusion is to stop brooding about what we think we don't have and to start being grateful for what we do have. We can be grateful for what we spiritually are.

As we fill our consciousness with what is spiritually true—clearly see and know ourselves as God's perfect ideas, reflections of Life, Love, Mind—we can be grateful for the absolute fact that in reality we lack nothing. All good is ours, right now, by virtue of our at-onement with God. No false belief of lack can maintain a hold on us when our thought is filled with gratitude for this relationship.

Thought upwelling with gratitude is indeed receptive to the divine healing power of Truth. In *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy writes, "Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power."<sup>1</sup>

Whenever we seem to be struggling with a problem that claims to have hung on for days, or weeks, perhaps even years, we can turn upon error's apparent tenacity with gratitude. "Trials are proofs of God's care,"<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Eddy writes. Gratitude for these proofs, these opportunities to draw closer to God, to know Him better, inevitably prepares thought to receive healing. We can ask God humbly and sincerely, "Father, what more do I need to learn? Help me to know Your will, to do Your will, and to see myself more clearly in Your likeness."

When we are truly willing to listen, to see what is needed, and then let go even ingrained mental habits if God-directed intuition points to them as hindrances in our growth Spiritward, we loosen the grasp of stubborn belief and find ourselves free of its unreal hold.

It doesn't matter what mortal thought says about the so-called seriousness of a problem—whether a particular disease is deemed by human opinion incurable, or more difficult to cure than another, or apt to leave one the worse for having had it. These are all illusory mortal concepts that Truth destroys with the healing truth that man is God's perfect, whole, complete image, now. And when a diseased belief is healed in Christian Science, it is not just relieved temporarily, subject to return. It is destroyed, wiped out of human consciousness—the only place it ever claimed to exist.

Isn't this assurance of complete and permanent healing an inexhaustible source of gratitude? "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."<sup>3</sup> A consciousness



enriched by humble gratitude is fertile soil in which one's faith can take root and grow into a deeper understanding—a quiet knowing—of the truth that heals.

Sometimes we may be tempted to think we are not sufficiently advanced in the study of Christian Science to conquer a particular error. Even when we are working conscientiously with a Christian Science practitioner, our own lack of experience may claim to obstruct our receptivity to Truth.

We don't have to heed such a spurious claim! Think of how Jesus loved little children and appreciated their fresh, uncluttered thought. Certainly they weren't very advanced in religious study. Yet they were immediately receptive to Truth. One does not have to have studied Christian Science for years to feel God's closeness, His ever-present love. No matter how new we may be in our study or how bleak the seeming human condition, we can know that God's love enfolds us. And we can be grateful for this love. "With God all things are possible,"<sup>4</sup> Jesus said.

We can rejoice in the conviction that God does answer our prayers, no matter how simple, that whatever we need to rise to, or whatever false concept we need to get rid of, God will show us the way. And healing will follow, naturally, simply. Because receptive, expectant thought is where healing takes place—not in some place away from us, difficult to reach, but right in our own consciousness.

Occasionally, even though we are sincerely grateful for God's love and for the knowledge that Christian Science makes healing possible just as surely now as in Christ Jesus' day, we may find ourselves arguing on behalf of a discordant condition rather than against it. Our problem is really so unusual, we may believe, so much more complex than anyone realizes, that no matter what truths are expressed to us we counter with "Yes, but . . .," unwittingly insisting on the reality of the error we actually should deny.

Instead, we should see such moments as a good opportunity to shut up the devil. We can refuse to be a mouthpiece for evil, mortal mind, and its lies that would use us to obstruct healing.

When we are alert, we reverse the argument by actively rejoicing in the allness of God, Truth, Principle. "Rise in the strength of

Spirit to resist all that is unlike good," Mrs. Eddy writes. "God has made man capable of this, and nothing can vitiate the ability and power divinely bestowed on man."<sup>5</sup>

Gratitude for this divinely bestowed power, for God's love and tender care, for the absolute conviction that as His perfect reflection we lack nothing, prepares thought to accept healing. We can indeed gain "the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness,"<sup>6</sup> and be free!

<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 192; <sup>2</sup> *ibid.*, p. 66; <sup>3</sup> Heb. 11:1; <sup>4</sup> Matt. 19:26; <sup>5</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 393; <sup>6</sup> Isa. 61:3.

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## TESTIMONY MEETING

"In that same hour"  
he gave the full, sublime,  
substantial evidence  
of his healing way.  
The blind went seeing,  
the lame with feet made straight,  
the unclean fully cleansed,  
quite incontestable proof  
for those who sought him out to see  
the power of the Christ displayed.

In this brief hour  
the fruits of *our* devoted prayer  
are heaped upon Soul's altar.  
The works again proclaim the source;  
the spirit with the letter  
speaking healing truth.  
These humble mites—  
the free outpouring  
of our meek and faithful trust,  
continue confirmation  
of the quickening Word made flesh.

STANLEY JOHN YORK

# How I Turned to the Bible for Help

Elizabeth Baylog Read  
(written at age 11)





One morning I woke up, and I wasn't feeling well at all. I had a fever, sore throat, and a cold. That afternoon I tried to pray about it. I knew that God was everywhere, so nothing could be really wrong. It says in the Bible in the first chapter of Genesis that God made everything and "behold, it was very good."

That night I had a call from my grandmother. She told me about the ninety-first Psalm and how it would help me. We went through all of the verses and talked about what they meant. There were two verses that really helped me. The first one says, "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name." The next verse that I really liked was: "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."

After talking with my grandmother I thought about the psalm. Then I could feel myself clearing up. By noon the next day I was so much better that I could get dressed and go outside. And I am really glad that I had this experience because I learned so much about the Bible.

# Editorials



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## Gratitude, Not Grievance

Times Square, Trafalgar Square, Red Square, the Place de la Concorde, the Piazza San Marco. These famous squares have long focused the hopes, ideals, or history of the cities where they are found. Technology Square in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has an appropriately modern ring. But none is more timely than a square shortly to be completed in Dallas, Texas, and named Thanks-Giving Square.

In the chapel of this square individuals and groups will be welcomed to come and express, each in their own way, their gratitude to God by whatever name they call Him. And it is hoped to collect and focus here the Thanksgiving traditions of the world. So potent is gratitude, spiritually and scientifically understood, that, if every city possessed and fully used a Thanks-Giving Square of its own, many of today's pressing urban problems could soon be resolved.

When Christ Jesus said, "I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth . . .," his expression of gratitude was no social or religious convention; he followed it with the declaration, "All things are delivered to me of my Father."<sup>1</sup> His expressions of gratitude to God were concerned not only with the past; they were often the prelude to mighty works of power, feeding the hungry multitude, restoring the dead to life.

This potent gratitude of the Christ is well described in a stanza from a hymn:

A grateful heart a fortress is,  
A stanch and rugged tower,  
Where God's omnipotence, revealed,  
Girds man with mighty power.<sup>2</sup>

And of this divine omnipotence in action Mary Baker Eddy writes,

"To live so as to keep human consciousness in constant relation with the divine, the spiritual, and the eternal, is to individualize infinite power; and this is Christian Science."<sup>3</sup> The entertaining and expression of gratitude are among the best ways to maintain this constant relationship that individualizes infinite power.

"Count your grievances" is bad advice. Whatever short-term advantages may be achieved by concentrating attention on grievances or encouraging others to do so, the longer-term results and undesirable side effects of this practice cancel out any momentary good. A sense of grievance or resentment acts as a slow poison, souring and making sterile the soil in which it is allowed lodgment. It fosters weakness, not power.

The opposite advice, "Count your blessings," may sometimes be bland counsel, encouraging submission to a state of affairs that needs change. To ensure that gratitude operates as the potent influence for good which it can be, we need to link it with divine Principle, God; we need to see it as an acknowledgment of God's irresistible government of the universe through His spiritual laws that overturn whatever is not good and bring whatever is good to fruition. This spiritually enlightened and inspired gratitude acts to sweeten and enrich the soil of consciousness, producing plentiful and repeated harvests of good and providing no nourishment for the tares of complacency with things short of the best.

It is a common thing for people testifying how they have been healed of disease or other troubles through Christian Science to speak or write of the part played by gratitude in their healing. Sometimes grateful acknowledgment of the irresistible power of divine Spirit has been the final step clinching a healing; other times an attitude of humble expectancy of divine good and of gratitude for good already experienced is the first step that has set someone on the road to healing.

Often when the one in search of healing is first recommended to be grateful to God, he may feel he has nothing at all to be grateful for. He may even have felt grievance and resentment boiling up within him at the very notion he should be grateful. Yet these have only boiled up in him to pass away. As he has resolutely persisted in being grateful for the smallest degree of good in his experience, he has found the list of things he can be grateful for expanding and



growing until they have crowded out any sense of grievance or resentment and corrected the troubles these poisons foster.

In a letter to a group of metropolitan churches Mrs. Eddy wrote, "What is gratitude but a powerful *camera obscura*, a thing focusing light where love, memory, and all within the human heart is present to manifest light."<sup>4</sup> Anyone who has seen a large camera obscura at work will recognize how fitting this metaphor is. One enters the dark chamber and there sees on the brightly lit screen the detailed panorama of what is going on outside. So when all seems dark to us and we feel shut in and oppressed, the entertaining of gratitude shows us not only the good present in ourselves but all the light and wonder of God's spiritual universe around us. "Love, memory, and all within the human heart"—hope, for instance, expectancy, confidence—these start working for us, lighting up our day and leading us to the solution of our difficulties.

The annual season of Thanksgiving observed in many lands can help remind us to put the power of gratitude, gratitude both for the good past and for the good to come, to work in our lives every day of the year. Whether or not we have a Thanks-Giving Square in our city, all of us can maintain a Thanks-Giving Square in our hearts.

PETER J. HENNIKER-HEATON

<sup>1</sup> Luke 10:21, 22; <sup>2</sup> *Christian Science Hymnal*, No. 3; <sup>3</sup> *The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany*, p. 160; <sup>4</sup> *ibid.*, p. 164.

## The Business of Living

Everyone in the world is in business—the business of living. We all have managerial responsibilities—the management of our own lives. No one can opt out or retire from this management business. If we stay at home and refuse to work, escape from conventional society and live under the stars without possessions or objectives, or delegate to others the care of our affairs and destiny—we are still in the business of living, but we are not making the success of it that we could if we approached it with more understanding of the power of Spirit.

Christian Science maintains that coexistent with the necessity to perform the business of our lives is invariably the ability to do it wisely and constructively, and then to follow through to a supremely successful conclusion. The divine creator doesn't launch His creations into space alone and unequipped to cope with unknown and unexpected conditions. He is God, divine Principle, supreme, infinite, omnipresent Mind. The universe He creates is the expression of His greatness and grandeur. He forever embraces it, governing its every detail with laws of harmony, and He ensures its perfect development. His nature is reflected in each individual idea that emanates from Him.

Each one is bountifully endowed with His qualities and is unerringly guided to the fulfillment of the divine purpose. Mrs. Eddy writes in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*: "Deity was satisfied with His work. How could He be otherwise, since the spiritual creation was the outgrowth, the emanation, of His infinite self-containment and immortal wisdom?"<sup>1</sup>

Christ Jesus was outstandingly successful in the business of living. He is the leading example in all human history of how we may express the qualities of character and mentality most needed to attain a high degree of true accomplishment. Acumen, energy, purpose, initiative, commitment, integrity, are a few of the spiritual qualities derived from divinity that he superbly displayed.

The Master identified himself as God's Son and proved himself the possessor of his divine Father's nature by expressing His qualities in daily life to the greatest possible extent. The consequence was a career of vast achievement; the Gospel of John says that if all the things he did were recorded "even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written."<sup>2</sup>

The qualities of the Father-Mother God are all included in every one of His spiritual offspring—in both His sons and daughters. According to divine law each one reflects Him and displays His attributes. In the human world, therefore, the confidence, intelligence, and vigor that are so often associated with the successful businessman can be recognized as also present in equal strength with women. And according to Christian Science, both men and women are identical in their capacity intuitively to perceive the power of divine Principle operating in the economy of the universe,

to trust it and follow its leading to higher demonstration on earth of the harmony of heaven—a capacity more frequently attributed by finite mortal belief to women than men.

Faith in the power of God is more important than faith in one's own ability to find solutions. We can and should have confidence in the divine Mind to straighten out tangled relationships, provide needed wisdom, guidance, and supply, and bring order to chaotic situations. The wise writer of the book of Proverbs advised: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."<sup>3</sup> Often this is the hardest thing for the worldly wise to do when human reason argues a course based on physical evidence.

Elsewhere in the Bible God is represented as saying, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways."<sup>4</sup> God's method of running the business of His universe is not based on human reasoning. His eternal law "Give, and it shall be given unto you,"<sup>5</sup> for instance, may seem impractical to a mortal who believes himself to be poor. Centuries before Christ Jesus voiced this idea, reason had warned the widow of Zarephath that it was foolish to share her own meager handful of meal with another. But when she followed the leadings of spiritual intuition and gave a cake first to the prophet Elijah, the needs of both her household and the prophet were abundantly met. We can be assured that the same Christly rule is as practical today despite human reasoning.

God manages the business of His spiritual universe with perfect precision and success. If we acknowledge His power over all that He creates, this opens the way to our enjoying the benefit of His wise management in our own human affairs and in the world. If we trust God completely, and fearlessly follow His guidance, obeying His rules and utilizing the qualities He expresses in us, we will be—as Jesus said he was—about our Father's business. Then we will manage our own lives according to the divine will and be worthy of success. Our lives will be full and rewarding, our achievement plentiful, and our joy overflowing.

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<sup>1</sup> *Science and Health*, p. 519; <sup>2</sup> John 21:25; <sup>3</sup> Prov. 3:5, 6; <sup>4</sup> Isa. 55:8; <sup>5</sup> Luke 6:38.





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# Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

About sixteen years ago I awoke one morning, got my family off to school and to work, and was preparing myself for work when I began to have symptoms of paralysis. By noon I was unable to move. I had been going through some trying business affairs and pressures at my place of employment, and I had become deeply involved in self-will and self-justification.

I contacted my parents in a distant city. They began prayer for me to help me free my thought of these errors so that I could find the peace to be free physically as well. My mother came to help care for me. She spent much time each day declaring aloud to me spiritual facts. She talked of God, our Father-Mother, and of myself as His perfect image and likeness, His spiritual reflection. Listening to records of *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* by Mary Baker Eddy gave me renewed inspiration.

One day my brother was reading to me from *Science and Health* from the chapter titled "Footsteps of Truth," which contains these words (p. 242): "In patient obedience to a patient God, let us labor to dissolve with the universal solvent of Love the adamant of error,—self-will, self-justification, and self-love,—which wars against spirituality and is the law of sin and death." I asked him to repeat it. Then I held to that statement and repeated it until I could see that God, all-loving, knows nothing in any of His ideas that is not spiritual and loving. I knew I need not accept a false belief about myself or anyone else, but that we are all the children of God.

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The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

That was the beginning of my recovery, and in nine weeks I took my first step. The next day I held a spoon and fed myself. Four months later I returned to my place of work and have been working ever since.

Healing and regeneration are proofs of God's loving care for all His children. I have had many proofs of God's protection and of His power in overcoming and destroying friction. This has helped me in my work with others.

Words cannot express my gratitude to God, the Giver of all good, for Christ Jesus, our great Master, and for Mrs. Eddy, who provided us with the tools to demonstrate that we inherit all good.

(Mrs.) HELEN LOOMER FERGUSON  
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As Mrs. Ferguson's daughter I am most happy to have witnessed this proof of God's healing power. Never once did I doubt my mother's full recovery. She had always assured me that reliance on God meets our need.

This healing, as well as many others in our family, has been an inspiration to me to choose Christian Science as a way of life. I am happy to be a member of The Mother Church and to be serving in a branch church.

(Mrs.) MARY F. THOMPSON



"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" So we read in Psalms (116:12).

I was born and raised in a family of Christian Scientists. My earliest remembrances are of attending Christian Science Sunday School, of hearing simple truths of God's goodness and ever-presence from Sunday School teachers, and of being taught "the scientific statement of being" from *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy (see p. 468) by my mother.

As a young boy, severe illnesses and the effects of accidents were overcome solely through Christian Science treatment. When quite young I had stomach pains that made me lie down on a bed to gain relief. This condition was completely healed through the



prayerful work of my mother and a practitioner. At another time I recall being extremely ill with fever and periodically lapsing into unconsciousness. This condition, too, was effectively healed, and quite quickly, solely through Christian Science treatment. These healings have been complete and permanent with no recurrence for the last thirty-five years.

Is it any wonder that I am grateful? "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's" (Ps. 103:2-5).

Christian Science heals quickly and effectively. Nothing is beyond the healing power of God's law. No condition is so severe, no circumstance so twisted, that it cannot yield to the tender, ever-operative law of divine Love. I have had healings of colds, bursitis, influenza, and a painful stricture in the back. In our family there have been healings of so-called childhood diseases, hemorrhoids, locked bowels, alcoholism, a diseased condition of the hands, and an unnatural growth on the neck. These healings have remained complete and permanent.

The condition I have termed stricture of the back was one of partial paralysis. It was extremely painful. A practitioner gave me treatment. I was able to go to work but was very uncomfortable. At night I was unable to lie down and could not sleep. In talking with the practitioner, I began to see that a belief of pain, no matter how severe, could not disable one, and that Christian Science provides an effectual answer to any case of extreme pain.

The next day I served as Sunday School superintendent in my branch church. I had arranged for a substitute, but at the last minute I was asked to serve, as the substitute could not come. During this hour I felt God's sustaining power. This broke the mesmerism and progress was evident. Within a week every vestige of the stricture left. I was able to carry myself comfortably and retained full use of an arm and hand that were almost disabled during this trouble. The lesson for me was that Christian Science provides the full and complete answer to extreme pain.

The healing of hemorrhoids was the overcoming of a chronic

condition. With the prayerful help of a practitioner, I had been freed at different times, but it always returned. I worked with the definition of "oil" in the Glossary of *Science and Health* (p. 592): "Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration." References to *oil*, *charity*, and *gentleness* were studied in Mrs. Eddy's writings. The condition was healed, never to return.

My wife was healed of a diseased condition of the hands when she asked for treatment from a practitioner. After that time my wife prayed patiently for herself and was completely healed.

Our daughter was healed of a growth on her neck through the prayer of a practitioner. During this experience our daughter and I saw that the spiritual meaning of growth had to be understood. She studied, with the aid of the Concordance, references to *growth* in Mrs. Eddy's writings. She saw that she could not just coast along or remain in a status quo situation, ignoring problems, content to just get by, but that growth is from Mind, as Christian Science teaches.

I am grateful for Christ Jesus, the Way-shower, for his marvelous example of working out this dream of life in matter. My gratitude for Mrs. Eddy's unselfish and untiring service to all mankind can only be expressed by sharing this demonstrable Science with others. I am deeply grateful for class instruction and for the continued interest and care of my teacher.

So I say (II Cor. 9:15), "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

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Reading, Massachusetts



"What is the truth about God and man? When will the Comforter, promised by Christ Jesus, come? Why am I here?" These were some of the questions about which I was greatly troubled. My parents and my religion had provided me with strong reliance on God through faith. As a child, I was taught that God would meet my every need whenever I listened for His voice and put my hand in His. However, I yearned to know more of God, Love, who controls the universe. I explored several forms of religion, but found

no answer. This gnawing search almost became an obsession and my health was endangered.

One spring my youngest child, five months old, became very ill with whooping cough, and I was filled with fear. I prayed earnestly; but the child grew worse each day until she became pale and listless and could retain very little food.

One day our eldest child's kindergarten teacher inquired about the baby. This newfound friend told me of Christian Science and sent me three pamphlets. That evening, I began to read one of them and at once realized I had found my new religion. It was clear to me that Christian Science must be the promised Comforter, and that Mrs. Eddy was the divinely inspired Discoverer and Founder of demonstrable Science. Later, I found Mrs. Eddy's own statement in *Science and Health* (p. 55): "In the words of St. John: 'He shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever.' This Comforter I understand to be Divine Science."

Almost all night I read the pamphlets over and over again. Nothing could hinder the light and gratitude that filled my thought. I was being reborn, and my heart was overflowing with joy.

The baby became quiet, and we both slept peacefully for several hours. In the morning, she was completely healed, strong, happy, and hungry. Great rejoicing filled the household, and I began systematic study of the Bible and of Mrs. Eddy's writings, which my friend obtained for me from the Christian Science Reading Room. Without contacting a practitioner or finding a Christian Science church, I continued studying with deepening interest.

Although my husband was not interested in reading at that time, he became a devoted student and church worker less than two years later. Through my reading of *Science and Health*, our family received many beautiful healings, all of which remained permanent. I was healed of sinus trouble for which I had had periodic operations, and found freedom from chronic headaches I had learned to live with. A large obstruction removed itself from the colon and recurring inflammation ceased. Also, a backache was healed when an organ moved into place without material aid.

The children were healthier and happier, and we learned to look for the solution of each problem instead of dwelling on its symptoms. Mrs. Eddy says (*ibid.*, p. 467), "Reasoning from cause to effect in the

Science of Mind, we begin with Mind, which must be understood through the idea which expresses it and cannot be learned from its opposite, matter.”

In the fall my friend, the kindergarten teacher, who had been away all summer, was surprised to see me arrive at the church with our three children ready to be enrolled in the Sunday School. My husband and I later became members of The Mother Church and of a branch church, were class taught, and became earnest workers in the church.

(Mrs.) EDITH REID LAZENBY  
La Jolla, California



[Original in German]

When Christian Science help was first offered me in 1919, I rejected this offer. Somewhat later I accompanied a relative to a Christian Science practitioner, but only to oblige my relative. However, in talking with the practitioner it was as if scales fell from my eyes, and I began to study *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy. In a short time I was healed of pulmonary disease and consumption, and I had a testimony about this in the February 1938 issue of *The Christian Science Journal*.

From then on thermometer and medications were laid aside and never used again. Another healing in our family occurred in this early period of study. As a small child, our youngest daughter had attacks the doctor was unable to diagnose, although they seemed of a serious nature. Shortly after we had taken up the study of Christian Science, the last attack occurred. Instead of employing the recommended medical means, I quietly prayed “the scientific statement of being” from *Science and Health* (see p. 468). The child drew a deep breath, went to sleep quietly, and was well from then on.

Both our daughters attended Christian Science Sunday School and later enjoyed class instruction, as we all did. Sickness was never a topic of conversation at home, and the children were protected from so-called children’s diseases.

About 1935 I became ill and suffered a great deal. I asked a



practitioner for treatment in Christian Science. Since I did not have a diagnosis made, I do not know what the trouble was. But after three weeks I was well and had the proof that holding fast to the truth of the Christ brings the healing. I cannot remember having to stay in bed because of illness for even one day since that time.

"Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need" (*Science and Health*, p. 494). This fact is being continuously witnessed to by Christian Scientists, and I cannot help but do this, too.

I can only give thanks for this wonderful religion—give thanks for Christ Jesus, our Way-shower, and for Mrs. Eddy's courage and her love for mankind. I have had the joy of teaching Sunday School for thirty years.

The words of Mrs. Eddy which Irving C. Tomlinson reports in his book *Twelve Years with Mary Baker Eddy* have always been especially valuable for me (pp. 84–85): "Did you but know the sublimity of your hope; the infinite capacity of your being; the grandeur of your outlook, you would let error kill itself. Error comes to you for life, and you give it all the life it has."

(Mrs.) MINA KRAMER  
Berne, Switzerland



Mere words cannot adequately express my gratitude for the many healings we have had in our family through the application of Christian Science. However, a fairly recent healing comes to thought which proved the power of Mind, God, to heal.

When I went for a dental checkup in a nearby town, the dentist was not pleased with the condition of my mouth. He recommended that I avail myself of a specialist in the care and treatment of gums. I felt I should be obedient and found myself confronted with a detailed analysis, accompanied with the prediction of necessary surgery and a few months of treatment.

A Christian Scientist was with me that day, and I felt her support in denying the fear that was handling me. Upon arriving home I called my daughter and told her the story. She, too, was vehement

in her denial of this diagnosis and affirmed man's spiritual perfection. I then called the dentist and told him I did not wish to go ahead with the treatments he had outlined. He willingly refunded the amount I had paid in advance.

My next step was to call a Christian Science practitioner. Prayerful treatment was taken up. First, my fears were allayed. I was reminded of Mrs. Eddy's statement in *Science and Health* (p. 475), "Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones, and other material elements."

I prayed and studied diligently innumerable spiritual truths in *Science and Health*, and I am grateful to report that within a month's time all the symptoms had disappeared. The next time I employed a local dentist to clean my teeth and was told by him I would have my teeth as long as I wanted them.

I am indeed grateful for the many truths of man's divine nature in the Bible and Mrs. Eddy's writings to which we can turn in the event of any erroneous condition.

(MRS.) GEIL O. GEOGHEGAN  
Redondo Beach, California



[Original in Italian]

Through the study of Christian Science these words of Christ Jesus now have a new, alive, and practical meaning for me (John 8:32): "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The understanding that spiritual truth frees us enables me to face any kind of difficulty with assurance.

One day I was in the office of the firm I work for in the capacity of correspondent and interpreter, and I was preparing the program for a trip abroad I was to take two days later. I suddenly became ill, so that I almost lost consciousness. I succeeded in overcoming that feeling, but symptoms of slight hemorrhaging and pain throughout the body were frightening, since I had never before had such symptoms.

One of my colleagues, alarmed by my appearance, wanted to call a doctor. Instead, I asked her to telephone a Christian Science practitioner. I told the practitioner in a weak voice I was very ill

and urgently needed his help. He assured me he would do prayerful metaphysical work and we would talk on the telephone again as soon as I was home.

My superiors ordered me taken home and at the same time contacted people abroad to find an interpreter on the spot to replace me. To them it was evident that in such a condition I would not be able to undertake the trip.

When I was alone at home, I tried to free myself from fear by mentally repeating a part of the twenty-third Psalm (v. 4): "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." Then I repeated all of the ninety-first Psalm, and very slowly my thought became more calm. When I talked to the practitioner, I was able to speak in a calm voice.

If there was still any trace of fear, he succeeded in dissipating it entirely by what he said to me. He told me, among other things, that a loss of blood does not change life, that Life is God, eternal; and that the love of God completely envelops me.

At the end of our conversation I felt so much gratitude for this practitioner and for all the practitioners who are ready to help us. A few hours later I was able to get out of bed to take care of the housework.

Two days later, to the astonishment of my superiors, I was able to leave on the trip that had been planned earlier. I carried out all the necessary work in the days that followed, even though some symptoms of the illness tempted me to be afraid. At every moment I held fast to the thought that wherever I am, God is with me, and that He, as a loving Father, protects me from every false claim of evil. It was clear to me that evil, under whatever form it presents itself, is simply nothing; small or large, it is still always nothing, since it is not true.

When I returned home a week later, all the symptoms of illness had disappeared. I am deeply grateful for the numerous proofs of God's love, and for Mrs. Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Without this study I would not have been able to demonstrate the Comforter promised by Christ Jesus (see John 14:16) and to know the truth, which has made me free.

(Mrs.) ROMANA GIACHIN

Nuremberg, Federal Republic of Germany

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# Words of Current Interest



Related to the Lesson-Sermon  
for November 28, 1976, in the  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE QUARTERLY  
Subject: Ancient and Modern Necromancy,  
alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism,  
Denounced

**The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet . . . like unto me (Deut. 18:15)**

“Me” refers to Moses, the narrator. It is significant that whereas magicians and diviners were a class apart, regarded as possessing special secret knowledge, which they guarded jealously, the prophet would share divine revelation openly and for the common benefit.

**Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me (Ps. 119:98)**

Most modern commentators understand “they” as referring to “commandments,” and not “enemies.”

**The king . . . read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord (II Kings 23:2)**

Josiah of Judah (640–609 B.C.)

The Lesson-Sermons contain Bible references (King James Version) and correlative passages from “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures” by Mary Baker Eddy.

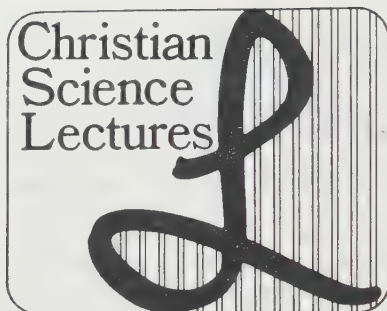
undertook a great religious and cultural reform at a time when he had hopes of casting off Assyrian domination and reestablishing national independence. At the basis of his reform was a document, traditionally thought to have been discovered in the temple by Hilkiah the priest, which is quite likely the core (Chaps. 12–26) of the present book of Deuteronomy.

**Idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places (II Kings 23:5)**

Josiah’s royal predecessors (especially Manasseh) condoned a blending of Israelitic and Assyrian religious practices, including pagan sacrifices at local shrines—some of them more ancient than Israel’s patriarchs—located throughout the land. Josiah closed these and established the temple at Jerusalem as the “Central Sanctuary,” the only place where sacrifice to the Lord could properly be made.

**Daughter of the Chaldeans (Isa. 47:5)**

Chaldea was a region in southern Babylonia, from which came a mighty dynasty, including the biblical Nebuchadnezzar. Babylonia was known for its soothsayers, and the term “Chaldean” subsequently became an epithet for magicians of all sorts. Later in this passage the prophet predicts the fall of Babylon; the Persian King Cyrus defeated Babylon in the mid sixth century B.C.



Everyone is cordially invited to these free lectures.

‡ Indicates Children's Room available during lectures. Details should be obtained locally.

### MALTA

**Marsa:** Church, 27 Timber Wharf. See local publicity for hour. Fri., Dec. 17. "Christian Science: The Discovery of the Healing Christ" (Plimmer)

## UNITED STATES AND CANADA

(Week of November 28 to December 4, and a later date)

### CANADA

**QUEBEC—Montreal** (First): Windsor Hotel, 1170 Peel St., 8.30 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2.‡ "Why Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

### UNITED STATES

**ARIZONA—Phoenix** (First): Church, First St. and Roosevelt, 8 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2.‡ "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

**Tucson** (First): Church, 3035 E. Fifth St. and Country Club Rd., 8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 30.‡ "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

**ARKANSAS—Monticello:** Church, 517 N. Main St., 3 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28.‡ "A New Beginning" (Jenks)

**CALIFORNIA—Downey:** Church, 8454 Fifth St., 8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 3.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**Escondido:** Ritz Theater, 309 E. Grand Ave., 10 a.m., Sat., Dec. 4.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**Hemet:** High School Little Theater, Stetson and Stanford, 3 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**North Hollywood** (Twenty-first, Los Angeles): Lecture to have been given Nov. 23 in the Church has been cancelled.

**Palos Verdes Estates:** Church, 4010 Palos Verdes Dr., N. and Via Campesina, 8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 30.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**Pasadena** (Third): Church, 2803 E. Colorado Blvd., 3 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28.‡ "Claim Your Real Inheritance" (Tuttle)

**San Diego** (Eighth): Hale Junior High, 5331 Mt. Alifan Dr., 11 a.m., Sat., Dec. 4.‡ "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

**Santa Monica:** Church, 505 Arizona Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 30.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**Torrance:** YMCA, 2900 Sepulveda Blvd., 8 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**Van Nuys** (Twelfth, Los Angeles): Church, 14654 Hamlin St., 8 p.m., Mon., Nov. 29.‡ "Life Without Lack" (Mondino)

**Ventura** (First): Church, 700 E. Main St., 2 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28.‡ "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

**COLORADO—Durango:** See local notice for time and place. Sun., Nov. 30. "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

**CONNECTICUT—Old Saybrook:** Kathleen E. Goodwin School, 80 Old Boston Post Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28. "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon)

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Washington** (Third): Church, 900 16th St., N.W., 12 m. and 8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 30.‡ "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon)

**FLORIDA—Sarasota** (First): Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 N. Tamiami Trl., 3 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

**HAWAII—Hilo, Hawaii:** Church, Wailuku Dr. and Ululani St., 3 p.m., Sun., Dec. 12. "There's Only One Real Ego" (Correll)

**IDAHO—Pocatello:** Idaho State University, Auditorium, Education Bldg., Terry St., nr. S. 19th Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 3.‡ "Finding God's Direction" (Holmes)

**Twin Falls:** See local notice for time and place. Tues., Nov. 30. "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

**ILLINOIS—Chicago** (Second): Church, 2700 N. Pine Grove Ave., 3 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4.‡ “A New Beginning” (Jenks)

**La Grange**: Church, 100 S. Catherine Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 3.‡ “A New Beginning” (Jenks)

**INDIANA—Kokomo**: Church, 300 E. Mulberry, 8 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2.‡ “A New Beginning” (Jenks)

**MICHIGAN—Farmington**: Church, 33825 Grand River Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28.‡ “The Family of Man” (Rogers)

**Franklin-Meadowlake**: Church, Maple and Inkster Rds., 8 p.m., Mon., Nov. 29.‡ “From Hell to Heaven” (Rogers)

**Fremont**: Church, 201 E. Main St., 8 p.m., Mon., Nov. 29.‡ “The Touch of Spirit” (Clarke)

**Lansing** (First): Lansing Civic Ctr., 505 W. Allegan, 8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 30.‡ “A New Beginning” (Jenks)

**Saugatuck**: School, Mason St., 3 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28.‡ “The Touch of Spirit” (Clarke)

**MONTANA—Bozeman**: Church, Eighth Ave. and W. Story St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2.‡ “Finding God’s Direction” (Holmes)

**Havre**: Church, 425 Fifth St., 8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 30. “Finding God’s Direction” (Holmes)

**Kalispell**: Outlaw Inn, Hwy. 93, S., 8 p.m., Mon., Nov. 29.‡ “Who Runs Your Life?” (Holmes)

**NEW MEXICO—Albuquerque**: Convention Center, 401 Second St., N.W., 8 p.m., Mon., Nov. 29. “Divine Love Is the Only Mind” (Crichlow)

**NORTH CAROLINA—Charlotte**: YWCA, 3420 Park Rd., 2 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28.‡ “Use Your Spiritual Power” (Henderson)

**OHIO—Columbus** (First): Church, 457 E. Broad St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2.‡ “The Touch of Spirit” (Clarke)

**Findlay**: Church, 1137 S. Main St., 8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 3.‡ “The Family of Man” (Rogers)

**Parma Heights**: Greenbrier Commons Theater, 6184 Pearl Rd., 3 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4.‡ “The Family of Man” (Rogers)

**OKLAHOMA—Chickasha**: Holiday Inn, 2101 S. Fourth St., 8 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4. “Protection Where Lions Lurk” (Wood)

**Lawton**: Lawton Public Library, 110 S. Fourth St., 8 p.m., Mon., Nov. 29.‡ “How to Love and Be Loved” (Alton)

**TEXAS—Corpus Christi** (First): Church, 1102 Second St., 4 p.m., Sat., Dec. 4.‡ “The Complete Man and Woman” (Heafer)

**Dallas** (Third): Church, 4419 Oak Lawn Ave., 12 m., Fri., Dec. 3.‡ “Protection Where Lions Lurk” (Wood)

**Fort Worth** (Second): Will Rogers Auditorium, 3301 W. Lancaster, 7.30 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2.‡ “Protection Where Lions Lurk” (Wood)

**Harlingen**: Holiday Inn, 1901 W. Tyler, 8 p.m., Mon., Nov. 29. “Protection Where Lions Lurk” (Wood)

**Houston** (Third): See local notice for place. 8 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 2.‡ “What’s Your Greatest Need?” (Alton)

**Longview**: Church, 601 E. Methvin St., 8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 3.‡ “How to Love and Be Loved” (Alton)

**Wichita Falls**: Church, 2156 Avenue H, 3 p.m., Sun., Nov. 28.‡ “What’s Your Greatest Need?” (Alton)

**UTAH—Salt Lake City** (First): See local notice for time and place. Mon., Nov. 29. “Individualizing God’s Power” (Pickett)

**WASHINGTON—Mercer Island**: See local notice for time and place. Fri., Dec. 3. “You’re Someone Worth Knowing” (Pickett)

**Pullman**: See local notice for time and place. Thurs., Dec. 2. “Individualizing God’s Power” (Pickett)

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# Letters to the Press

From Christian Science  
Committees on Publication

*Oroville Mercury*  
Oroville, California

The charge that Mary Baker Eddy plagiarized thirty-three pages from a document by Lieber (Letters to the Editor April 5) has an interesting history, though it is too long to tell here. (One professor used to assign the unraveling of the mystery to his college classes.) Actually, scholars and researchers have long since refuted the claim, and the alleged "document"—itself but twelve pages long—was concluded to have been plagiarized from Mrs. Eddy, not the other way around. For details, see *Ordeal by Concordance* by Conrad Moehlman, Longmans, Green and

Company, 1955; and, *Mary Baker Eddy: The Years of Discovery* by Robert Peel, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1966.

When brief quotes from Mrs. Eddy are examined in their full context, her views are strikingly different from the mind-curists of her day. The mind-curists were often the first to recognize the difference. George Quimby, son of the mental healer with whom Mrs. Eddy's teachings are sometimes confused, wrote in 1908 that he believed Mrs. Eddy had "landed in *prayer cure*, pure and simple." Of his father's system, he added: "There were no prayers, there was no asking assistance from God or any other divinity."

For those who follow its teachings, Christian Science rests on deep convictions about the value of prayer. In the denomination's textbook, *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, Mrs. Eddy has written: "Prayer, watching, and working, combined with self-immolation, are God's gracious means for accomplishing whatever has been successfully done for the Christianization and health of mankind."

ROBERT W. NEWELL  
Committee on Publication

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## TESTIMONY MEETINGS

Meetings at which testimonies of Christian Science healing are given are held in Christian Science churches on Wednesdays. A cordial invitation to attend these meetings, as well as the Sunday services, is extended to all. Information telling where and when these are held is given in the Directory in *The Christian Science Journal*.



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1875–1882 *Lynn, Massachusetts*—12 Broad Street, where 100 years ago Mrs. Eddy completed her manuscript for *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. It was while living here that Mrs. Eddy initiated many foundational steps in establishing the Christian Science movement. These include the formation of the Christian Scientist Association; the Church of Christ, Scientist; the Massachusetts Metaphysical College. Here also Mrs. Eddy was ordained as Pastor of her church.

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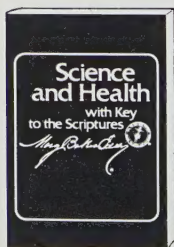
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